

ARMY FOREIGN LIAISON NEWSLETTER

For Members of the Washington Corps of Military Attachés

March 2006

From the Director:



Everyone with whom I've talked over the past weeks has confirmed that the Washington Corps of Military Attachés is deep into its collective work for the New Year. Conferences, visiting delegations, and the day-to-day routine of our many bilateral relationships are keeping everyone very busy. I want to remind everyone of a few events to help make your schedules even busier. There are many tasks to occupy your time as attachés, but I hope you will make an effort to participate in the events that Foreign Liaison has organized for the second quarter of the year. First up will be the Semi-Annual Information Briefing to be held on 13 March here at the Pentagon. The speaker is the Chief, National Guard Bureau, Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum. As you are aware, these are challenging times for the National Guard and I believe this will be a very informative briefing. Next up is the Spring Orientation Trip 29 April to 6 May to the desert southwest, including Forts Bliss and Huachuca, as well as the Grand Canyon and Phoenix, Arizona. LTC Ron Kellar always puts together a great program; however, space is limited. So, please, reserve a spot for you and your spouse quickly; the deadline is 15 March and is fast approaching. I also want to remind you of the Spring Dinner hosted by WAMA on 24 March. Like all WAMA events, this promises to be a great evening of camaraderie among fellow attachés and spouses.

I would like to take the opportunity once again to thank Major General Jan Blom and his wife Inger-Marie for their fantastic leadership during General Blom's tenure as the Dean of the Corps of Military Attachés. General Blom served with exceptional humor and style. I also

want to publicly welcome Major General Luiz Peret along with his wife Isabel to his new role as Dean of the Corps of Military Attachés. General Peret also possesses exceptional humor and style; I believe he will continue the tradition of outstanding leadership and contribute further to the success of the Corps of Military Attachés.

As you know, we recently also said goodbye to Sharon Crosby as she retired from government service. Sharon truly loved supporting her attachés and I know she will be missed by many. I want to thank MG Peret and Colonel Philip Baxter for attending her retirement ceremony and presenting her with a plaque on behalf of WAMA. I know your recognition of her work meant a great deal to Sharon. We will soon fill the position of Attache Coordinator; in the meantime, I ask your patience as Ron performs both his duties as Chief and those tasks necessary to support the attachés. We expect a large turnover in the Military Attaché ranks between June and August, so please help us to provide excellent service by notifying us early of the changes in staff in the coming months.

As we head into a busy spring, I want to again encourage everyone to participate in both Foreign Liaison and WAMA events. These events are designed to help you be successful as attachés in Washington and also provide some personal enjoyment during your tour. As always, if there is anything I can do personally to assist you, do not hesitate to call or email. Of course, the entire Foreign Liaison staff stands ready to support you in any way.

RICK RUNNER
Colonel, U.S. Army
Director, Foreign Liaison

Recent Events:

16 Jan: Federal Holiday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
21 Jan: G-2 New Year's Reception
26 Jan: WAMA Annual General Membership Meeting
1 Feb: International Military Student Reception
20 Feb: Federal Holiday: President's Day

Upcoming Events:

8 Mar: International Military Student Reception
13 Mar: Attaché Information Briefing
22 Mar: International Military Student Reception
24 Mar: WAMA Spring Dinner
28 Mar: Attaché Accreditation Briefing & Luncheon
4 Apr: Military Attaché Orientation Pre-trip Brief
29 Apr: Spring Military Attaché
- 5 May Orientation Trip
29 May: Federal Holiday: Memorial Day
31 May: Attaché Farewell Luncheon

From Attaché Coordination:

I hope everyone's first quarter was as rewarding as my own. The results from the site survey for the Spring 2006 Attaché Orientation Trip promises the best trip ever! Be sure to get your registration in early for this trip. Space is limited and you do not want to miss it. LTG Steven Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau, will brief the Attaché Corps on 13 March. Please don't miss this opportunity to find out about the current state of the National Guard.

Planning for the United States Military Academy Orientation Trip is also well-underway. We have a very promising itinerary, including a tour of Valley Forge.

Note, you can find most of these events and other updates from the Foreign Liaison

Directorate posted on the G-2 site at www.dami.army.pentagon.mil/.

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Chief, Attaché Coordination

HQDA Personnel Changes:

MG Keith Dayton, the Director for Strategy, Plans, and Policy in the Army G-3/5/7, departed in mid December for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general and assignment as The United States Security Coordinator (USSC) Israel-Palestinian Authority. No replacement has been named yet. In the interim, COL J.D. Johnson was promoted to Brigadier General and is now the acting director.

Foreign Liaison Personnel Changes:

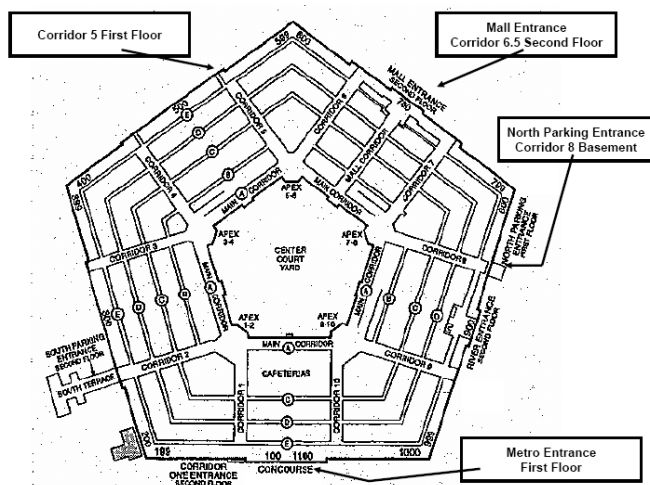
Arrivals:

Foreign Liaison is pleased to welcome Mr. Jonathan Fry. Prior to joining FL, Jonathan worked in the Latin American Branch of the Army International Affairs Office in G-35. He will be responsible for actions related to U.S. Army officers serving as military attachés.

We are still working to find replacements for Mrs. Crosby and Mrs. Martin. As soon as we have replacements on board, we will send out announcements.

Pentagon Renovations Update:

Renovations continue to disrupt arrivals and departures here at the Pentagon. New construction at Corridors 8 and 9 have led Army Foreign Liaison to rely more on Metro, Corridor 5, and Corridor 6.5 (Mall) entrances to accommodate daily operations. Please plan to arrive by metro or to have your driver drop you at the metro entrance to avoid dealing with new-construction. Please review this diagram before planning your arrival at the Pentagon.



Coordination Division asks that you continue to make use of the Biographic Data Form for accreditation and submit electronically the completed form to ronald.kellar@us.army.mil or a paper copy via the diplomatic courier facility. Please submit it along with the other documents at www.dami.army.pentagon.mil/offices/dami-fl/index.asp#annexes, which we ask you to provide when requesting accreditation.

We mailed out the latest version of the *Attaché Guide* in mid-January. Hopefully, you have received your copy. Some of you have already asked us to make changes. If any of your information is incorrect or needs to be updated, please send the new information to Lieutenant Colonel Kellar at ronald.kellar@us.army.mil by 19 May to support our summer update. Remember, new attachés can access the *Military Attaché Guide* at the G-2 site: www.dami.army.pentagon.mil/offices/dami-fl/attache-guide.asp.

The Division regularly posts information on the G-2 Website: www.dami.army.pentagon.mil/ to update you on coming events. The website also includes this newsletter. Please share this

Arriving Attachés:

LTG John F. Kimmons, DCS, G-2, will host the next Attaché Accreditation Briefing and Luncheon on Tuesday, 28 March. Some 12-14 new attachés are expected to be accredited at this event.

Departing Attachés:

We wish all the best for the following attachés who departed during the last few months or will depart shortly and who did not attend a Farewell Luncheon: MG Etchegaray, Argentina; LTC Quirk, Australia; BRIG Ghosh, India; BG El Ali, Lebanon; and LTC Nzabamwita, Rwanda.

LTG Kimmons will host the next Attaché Farewell Luncheon on 31 May 2006.

New WAMA Web Page

The URL for the WAMA web page has changed. Check out the new site at: www.adsusa.org/wama/. The Executive Committee and the volunteer web masters at the Australian Embassy are working hard to bring the site up to date and keep it that way.

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- Foreign Military Attaché Roster
- Army Foreign Liaison Directorate Listing (DAMI-FL)
- Regional Policy and Politico-Military Affairs Division (DAMO-SSR)
- Security Cooperation Integration Directorate Listing (SAAL-NI)
- Army Foreign Disclosure Division Listing (DAMI-CDD)
- U.S. Army Foreign Liaison "A" Guest List
- 2006 Planning Calendar